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receive social security benefits. Other state employees, almost all employees receive social security. The State Patrol is the one entity in state government who does not and so really we are focusing in on the main problem that we have had with this health insurance coverage, should reduce the cost of the bill, and I think it will address the main problem that we are trying to work on with LB 705. Now, if you want to recall, LB 705 does deal with the question of those who are early retirees in state government being able to continue under the state health insurance plan.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, it has been brought to the Chair's attention that it is extremely noisy right in your own area. If we could have order in the Chamber (gavel) please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Senator Withem is going to start to listen here. But anyway what the bill does is it deals with those who are early retirees and do not have the ability to get health insurance coverage otherwise and I have been concerned about that because it does cost the state a lot of money. I think the fiscal note on the bill is \$89,000 but Senator Pappas has been very cooperative and has agreed to this amendment, and this amendment would I hope reduce the cost of this proposal dramatically because again we are cutting down from those who are not receiving to those who will not receive social security benefits and we really are only talking about the State Patrol as a result of that and I hope it will save some money for the state with the passage of the bill. So I would ask your support for the amendment and would be glad to answer questions if you have any.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the Wesely amendment to LB 705? If not, the motion is to adopt the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are on Select File. Please record your vote on the adoption of the Wesely amendment to LB 705. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Wesely's amendment.